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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU LEGAL COUNSEL TAKES NEW JOB

CHARLESTON -- Lisa Huson, general counsel for Eastern Illinois University, is joining the campus legal team at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign as assistant university counsel.

"We are delighted Lisa will be joining us. We are very impressed by her legal skills and knowledge of higher education institutions that she has gained by her work as the legal counsel at Eastern and elsewhere," said Steve Veazie, associate university counsel/campus legal counsel at the U of I.

Huson, who will be leaving Eastern in August to assume her new position, will represent the U of I, providing legal advice on a wide variety of issues including employment, labor and nondiscrimination matters, real estate and lease issues, freedom of information and privacy issues, and federal and state laws affecting the institution and its students and employees.

She also will represent the university, the board of trustees, administrative officers, and

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faculty and staff in lawsuits and administrative proceedings; advise U of I faculty and staff in legal matters; engage in training and policy development; and review contracts and purchasing transactions.

"It has been a pleasure to work at Eastern and to establish the first Office of University Counsel. It has been a challenging, yet rewarding experience. I am proud of our success in enhancing communication with members of the university community and in minimizing legal risks and costs. While I will miss Eastern and my colleagues, I am looking forward to working in the Campus Legal Counsel's Office at the University of Illinois where I will be part of a much larger staff and will have the opportunity to develop my legal skills further," Huson said.

Huson became Eastern's first in-house legal counsel in May 1996, after the Board of Governors was abolished and the university's own board of trustees was established. Eastern had previously depended on BGU staff for day-to-day legal advice.

"Eastern is pleased to have had Lisa Huson serve as its first in-house attorney. Not only has she contributed to the successful transition of the university to its own governing board, but she has worked tirelessly to provide excellent legal counsel to the university. Her accessibility has made it easier for administrators, faculty, and staff to seek legal advice on university matters and to make academic and business decisions that are based on sound legal principles. I will miss her, especially because of her kindness and assistance during my transition over the past four months. She has represented Eastern well and I wish her much success in her new position at the University of Illinois," said Eastern President Carol Surles.

Prior to coming to Eastern, Huson served as an assistant attorney general for the state of

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Kansas where she represented the Kansas Board of Regents as well as several universities and state agencies.

She holds a bachelor of arts degree (summa cum laude) from Chaminade University in Honolulu, Hawaii, and a juris doctor (dean's honors) from Washburn University School of Law in Topeka, Kansas.